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Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit, enclosed herewith, the text of a Declaration of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria.

I would very much appreciate it if you would have this letter and the addendum thereto circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

Declaration of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria

Now that the world is once over again stunned by the fresh evidence of the barbaric oppression of the right of life and human dignity in the territory of the former Yugoslavia, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria states the following:

While once again condemning categorically and unconditionally these actions which are a disgrace for Europe, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs expresses its confidence that the world community no longer has the right to procrastinate the instituting of resolute and effective measures for putting an end to the crimes perpetrated in Bulgaria's immediate vicinity.

Therefore, we regard as realistic and useful the proposals made by United States President Mr. George Bush in Colorado on 6 August, the aim of which is to shape a common strategy for ending the Yugoslav conflict and preventing its expansion to other parts of the region, including in neighbouring countries.

We express our satisfaction that the Bulgarian proposal made several months ago, on deploying international observers in Bulgarian territory along our western borders, in order to avert the expansion of the conflict, found support in the proposals of President Bush. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs hereby states that Bulgaria is prepared to accept civilian observers to be deployed there by decision of the international community.

We regard as timely the appeal launched by the President of the United States on sustaining the economic and political isolation of the Belgrade regime until the complete implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations Security Council.

Developments in the former Yugoslavia have confirmed the significance of the approach adopted by Bulgarian diplomacy of recognizing all republics which have declared their independence by constitutional means. The international importance of that act is that it recognizes the indivisibility and territorial integrity of those States and their sovereign borders, precluding any attempts at splitting or assimilating them.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs attaches great importance to the upcoming International Conference on Yugoslavia, scheduled to begin in London on 26 August 1992, which could become a forum not only for seeking a settlement of the conflict, but also for harmonizing the new realities in south-eastern Europe with the principles and mechanisms of the CSCE process. Bulgaria is ready to assist in any international political efforts undertaken in pursuit of that goal.

10 August 1992